

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hippolit Gstrein et al;
Serial No.: not yet assigned
Filed: concurrently herewith
For: PAPERMAKER'S FELT

Date: August 20, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Preliminary Amendment as part of a Application in the present case. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims and the specification by the current amendment. The marked up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

In the Specification:

Please correct the title "Felt" to read -- PAPERMAKER'S FELT--.

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Page 7, line 17, please insert the heading -- Brief Description of the Figures --.

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In the Claims:

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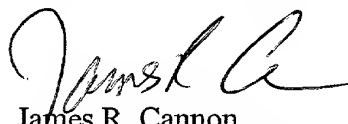
9. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized in that the twisted structure (10) has a mean outside diameter in the range from 0.3 mm to 1.0 mm.

10. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized by a transverse-thread density above 130 transverse threads per 10 cm.

REMARKS

Applicants provide the present Preliminary Amendment concurrent with the filing of the present application to comply with the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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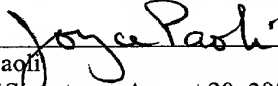
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Claim 8. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized in that monofilaments (110) used to form the twisted structure have a diameter in the range from 0.1 mm to

0.9 mm[, preferably in the range from 0.1 mm to 0.5 mm and especially preferably in the range from 0.1 mm to 0.3 mm].

Claim 9. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized in that the twisted structure (10) has a mean outside diameter in the range from 0.3 mm to 1.0 mm[, preferably in the range from 0.4 mm to 0.8 mm and especially preferably in the range from 0.4 mm to 0.6 mm].

Claim 10. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized by a transverse-thread density above 130 transverse threads per 10 cm[, preferably in the range from 130 to 200 transverse threads per 10 cm and especially preferably in the range from 140 to 180 transverse threads per 10 cm].